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FOLLOWING REPEAT SECTO 8029 ACTION WHITE HOUSE STATE INFO USUN JULY
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QUOTE NCLAS SECTO 8029

WHITE HOUSE PLEASE PASS PRESIDENT'S PARTY ON AIR FORCE
ONE AND ALSO FOR FRANK MOORE

SECTO 08029

E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS)

SUBJECT: PRESS STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR ANDREW YOUNG

1. AMBASSADOR ANDREW YOUNG RELEASED THE FOLLOWING STATE-
MENT TO THE PRESS IN GENEVA ON JULY 13, 1978

2. (BEGIN TEXT:) A LENGTHY INTERVIEW HAS BEEN EXCERPTED
TO GIVE AN ERRONEOUS IMPRESSION OF MY VIEWS ON THE TRIAL
OF MR. AATOLY SCHARANSKY.

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3. LET ME ASSURE YOU THAT I AM FULLY IN ACCORD WITH THE
STRONG STATEMENTS CONDEMNING THE PERSECUTION OF SOVIET
DISIDENTS ISSUED BY PRESIDENT CARTER AND SECRETARY VANCE
AND HAVE ACTIVELY SUPPORTED THE MOVEMENT FOR UNIVERSAL
HUMAN RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS AND ESPECIALLY THE CAUSE OF
SOVIET JEWRY FROM MY EARLIEST DAYS IN THE U.S. CONGRESS.

4. NOR HAVE I EVER EQUATED THE STATUS OF POLITICAL FREEDOM IN THE U.S. WITH THAT IN THE SOVIET UNION. I KNOW OF NO INSTANCE IN THE U.S. WHERE PERSONS HAVE RECEIVED PENALTIES FOR MONITORING OUR GOVERNMENT'S POSITION ON CIVIL OR HUMAN RIGHTS.

4. LAST JUNE IN ATLANTA AT A SERVICE OF WORSHIP MEMORIALIZING THE HOLOCAUST I MET THE YOUNGER BROTHER OF MR. SCHARANSKY AND I WAS GREATLY IMPRESSED BY THE COURAGE AND DETERMINATION HE EXPRESSED TOWARD THE PURSUIT OF FULL CULTURAL AND RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN HIS COUNTRY. HE SAID THAT SOVIET CITIZENS WANTED AND NEEDED STRONG REACTIONS FROM ALL FREEDOM-LOVING PEOPLE AND PRAISED THE HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERNS THAT WE EXPRESSED. END TEXT. VANCE UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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